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February 1, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

Hon. P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St., Room 2260
New York, NY 10007

Re: **S.J. Gargrave Syndicate 2724 v. Marwan Shipping & Trading Co. et al,**
SDNY 07-10494
File No. K0627.00002

MEMO ENDORSED

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*Conference
agreed
from Feb 28, 2008
8 to March 28, 2008 at 10:45a.
SO ORDERED.
JSD
2-6-08*

Dear Judge Castel:

We are counsel for S.J. Gargrave Syndicate 2724 ("S.J. Gargrave") and are writing to Your Honor regarding the initial conference scheduled for February 8, 2008 at 10:45 a.m..

This is an action where S.J. Gargrave filed an *ex parte* Writ of Maritime Attachment pursuant to Supplemental Rule B of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, seeking to attach certain assets belonging to Marwan Shipping and Trading Company and Al-Buhaira National Insurance Company.

This matter arises out of pollution occurrence(s) in Guam involving the vessel the M/V AJMAN 2. The parties herein are involved in litigation in the Federal District for the Territory of Guam over essentially, the costs of remedying the alleged damages caused by the M/V AJMAN 2. The M/V AJMAN 2 is owned by Marwan and insured by Al-Buhaira. S.J. Gargrave issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility to the M/V AJMAN 2 for the costs of pollution abatement arising under, *inter alia* the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. §2701 *et. seq.*

S.J. Gargrave served various banks and other financial institutions with a copy of the Maritime Writ through early January 2008. We are awaiting further confirmation from the garnishees as to any assets that have been restrained. We have notified Marwan Shipping & Trading that \$114,100 has been restrained by the garnishee, J.P. Morgan, pursuant to the Maritime Writ. We have also notified the defendants of the conference.

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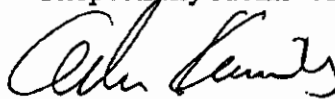
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Despite being notified of the conference, defendants have not contacted us although counsel for the defendants in the Guam action has discussed the matter with S.J. Gargrave's counsel in that matter. As of now, the defendants, both foreign entities, have yet to be served.

Currently, the parties are attempting to resolve the dispute in the Guam action, which will likely resolve the matter herein. In the event the matter is resolved, we will promptly notify Your Honor.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Kominsky

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